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- 25X1 1. Between 14 and 17 October 1953, individual swept-back jet aircraft were observed over Welzow airfield. On 18 October, night flying activity was started by individual aircraft. On 21 October, a biplane circled for a long time over the Welzow-Spremburg area at an altitude of about 800 meters.¹
- 25X1 2. the construction work in the billeting area in the north-eastern corner of the field was completed. On 27 October, construction work was under way on hangars of which two were partly completed. at the field, additional hangars of the same type were to be erected. Each hangar was about 60 meters long, 35 meters wide and 6 meters high.
- 25X1 3. on 19 October, officers arrived at the field, including about 120 who had left the field on 28 and 29 September. Since 20 October, the personnel at the field have again been granted town leave and the patrols in the town area have been reinforced. contrary to a previous statement, deputy commanding officer of the town headquarters was Major Pavlikhen (fnu).⁴
- 25X1 4. From sunset to 11 p.m. on 27, 28 and 30 October, there was intensive activity by searchlights in the area of the field. aircraft flew in the beams of searchlights.
5. Between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on 30 October, air activity was conducted by swept-back jet fighters. The lights along the southeastern side of the runway were switched on at 5:45 p.m. Two red boundary lights were located at the southwestern end of the field. Two Po-2s and 24 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked along the taxiway in line with the flight control station up to 4 p.m. No aircraft were observed in the open hangar.¹
6. The outer low frequency beacon was still located near Petershain and the inner low frequency beacon was close to triangulation point 120.5. A PKV-45 DF station was located 300 meters north of Neu-Welzow, about 50 meters from the road.⁵
- 25X1 7. There was intensive vehicular traffic at the field. Motor vehicles observed entering and leaving the field included trucks and jeep

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8. On 6 November, swept-back jet fighters were parking along the southern half of the eastern taxiway. Around 2 p.m., 13 of these aircraft taxied to the southwestern end of the runway and took off individually. The aircraft disappeared and landed after 15 to 20 minutes. Motor vehicles and AA guns were still parked on the previously reported parking lot west of the road fork near the old flight control station. No construction work was observed being done in the billeting area.¹

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9. Between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 24 November, no aircraft or AA guns were observed at the field. About 25 motor vehicles, including trucks and jeep were parked at the field.⁶

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1. Comment. Welzow airfield is believed to be still occupied by the fighter regiment which arrived from Koethen in the first half of August 1953.

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2. Comment. a hangar, about 80 meters long, is located along the last third of the southern taxiway, at the northeastern end. No details have been reported on the construction of additional hangars.

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3. Comment. On 28 and 29 September, a total of 450 officers and EM were shipped away by rail and motor vehicle toward Cottbus. It is believed that the personnel were being exchanged. The reported return of 120 officers, who apparently belong to the shipment which formerly left Welzow, cannot be commented on.

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4. Comment. According to a previous report, the deputy commanding officer of the post was named Paulikhen (fnu). It is believed that the spelling of the name is wrong.

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